Replacement of DEPB scheme

8. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to replace the existing Duty Exemption Pass Book Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how the new scheme will be helpful to common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The draft new Scheme has been prepared in consultation with the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and Rajiv Gandhi Foundation/Economic Law Practice. It aims to neutralize un-refunded duties and levies and is aimed at boosting exports by making them more competitive. The draft Scheme is presently under inter-ministerial consultations.

Assistance to States under ASIDE

9. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance available under ASIDE scheme to States for developing export infrastructure and related activities;

(b) the budget allocation for this scheme during the past three years together with the actual amount spent each year;

(c) whether States have asked for more assistance for developing export facilities/infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Government of India provides financial assistance to all States and Union Territories, under a scheme titled Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) for Development of Export Infrastructure. The outlay of the scheme has two components. 80% of the funds (State Component)